these plants have the advantage of shorter gestation period. The Government have formulated the Liquid Fuel Policy for the purpose and have decided to allow development of 12000 MW of power generation capacity based on liquid fuels in the Country. State-wise allocation of this capacity has been made by the Ministry of Power on the basis of additional requirements and energy and peaking shortage of States.

The power capacities based on liquid fuel, allocated to the States of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh are 1160 MW and 1500MW respectively. Allocation of liquid fuel is made to the power projects in the States on recommendation of the Ministry of Power and is limited to the power capacity allocated to the respective States. States of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh have recommended projects far in excess of allocated capacities. Ministry of Power has been requested to repriorit-ise and rationalise the recommendations so as to keep the allocations within the sanctioned capacity.

Grievances of Workmen of ONGC

4361. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether appeals committee of ONGC, vide No. AC/101/93-CRBC, dated 10th April, 1996 had taken any action on the grievances of workmen;

(b) if so, what are their grievances and number of persons involved;

(c) whether appeals committee had agreed to the recommendations as submitted to member (Personnel) on 13th May, 1993;

(d) if so, what are the details of the recommendations and what action ONGC has taken so far to redress the grievances; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take for protection of their natural rights?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reprcscntationists want their appointment in ONGC in the higher post of Store Keeper Gd. II instead of Store Keeper Gd. HI, eversince their initial appointment in November, 1980.

Although five individuals were involved, only three of the individuals had taken up their grievance with the Appeals Committee.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The recommendation is that discrimination alleged by the representation-ist vis-a-vis Department candidates has some substance; and if his contention is upheld and the case reviewed, four other similarly placed ex-Apprentices should also be extended the same treatment. It has not been found feasible by the Management of ONGC to accept the recommendation.

(e) Rights of the workmen of ONGC are protected as per the rules.

OIDB Assistance to Assam

4362. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of crude cess collected during last three years, year-wise;

(b) the contribution of Assam towards crude cess each year, against which the amount of assistance is provided by Oil Industry Development Board for the development of refineries in Assam;

(c) whether Government propose to provide adequate funds for development of refineries in Assam through Oil Industry Development Board; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BALLU): (a) The Information is given in the en-